

(d) Revenue from a fee imposed under this section shall be deposited to the credit of an account known as the "University of Houston–Victoria Student Center Fee Account" under the control of the university's student fee advisory committee. Annually, the committee shall submit to the president of the university its recommendation for any change to the amount of the fee and a complete and itemized budget for the student center together with a complete report of all student center activities conducted during the past year and all expenditures made in connection with those activities. The president shall submit the budget to the board of regents as part of the university's institutional budget. The board of regents may make changes in the budget that the board determines are necessary.

(e) The board of regents may increase the amount of a fee imposed under this section, except that the board may not increase the amount of the fee to an amount that exceeds by more than 10 percent the amount of the fee imposed during the preceding academic year unless the amount of the increase is approved by a majority vote of students enrolled at the university participating in a general student election held for that purpose.

(f) For purposes of determining whether to waive the imposition of the fee as provided under Section 54.5035, a student is not reasonably able to use the student center for which a fee is imposed under this section if the student lives more than 50 miles outside the corporate limits of Victoria, Texas.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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STUDY OF THE CURRENT AND POTENTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF RECYCLING

CHAPTER 658

H.B. No. 2763

AN ACT

relating to a study of the current and potential economic impacts of recycling.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

- (1) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
- (2) "Recycling" has the meaning assigned by Section 361.421, Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 2. STUDY OF ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF RECYCLING. (a) The commission shall conduct a study on the current and potential economic impacts of recycling, including state and local revenue that may be considered lost because recyclable materials are not recycled. The study must:

- (1) assess current recycling efforts, including by:
 - (A) quantifying the amount of materials currently being recycled;
 - (B) assessing the cost, value, and quality of materials currently being recycled;and
- (C) estimating the amount of materials that could be recycled but are not currently being recycled;

(2) identify methods that may be used, by the public sector, the private sector, or both, to increase recycling, including through the development of:

(A) new markets for recycled materials; and

(B) new businesses that may result from recycling;

(3) investigate the current and potential availability of funding for the methods identified under Subdivision (2);

(4) assess the current types and number of jobs associated with recycling and potential additional opportunities for job creation that may result from increased recycling; and

(5) assess infrastructure needs and development opportunities associated with recycling in rural areas.

(b) To the extent practicable, the commission shall use methodologies developed for other recycling studies performed in this state in performing the study under this section.

(c) The commission shall prepare a written report on the results of the study and include the report in the 2016 summary report titled "Municipal Solid Waste in Texas: A Year in Review."

SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. This Act expires August 31, 2017.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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AUTHORIZING A RECREATION AND WELLNESS FACILITY FEE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-CLEAR LAKE

CHAPTER 659

H.B. No. 2921

AN ACT

relating to authorizing a recreation and wellness facility fee at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.5401 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.5401. RECREATION AND WELLNESS FACILITY FEE; UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-CLEAR LAKE. (a) The board of regents of the University of Houston System may charge each student enrolled at the University of Houston-Clear Lake a recreation and wellness facility fee. The fee may be used only for the purpose of financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, improving, and equipping a recreation and wellness facility and for operating recreation and wellness programs at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

(b) The recreation and wellness facility fee may not be charged unless the charging of the fee is approved by a majority vote of the students enrolled at the university participating in a general student election held for that purpose.

(c) The amount of a fee charged under this section may not exceed: